

REMARKS

An Article 34 amendment to the claims is filed concurrently herewith, in which claims 1-9 in the Article 34 amendment are the originally filed claims.

Claims 3-5 and 7-9, as represented in the Article 34 amendment, are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and to clarify claim language, in accordance with standard U.S. patent practice.

The amendments are supported by the claims and throughout the specification, as originally filed.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-9 will be pending in this application.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

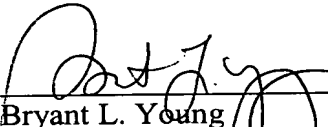
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